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SUBJECT: NEWLY APPOINTED GOJ CABINET MEMBERS

1. FOLLOWING ARE CAPSULE BIOGRAPHIES OF THE MEN NEWLY APPOINTED TO CABINET AND TOP LDP POSTS BY PRIME MINISTER MIKI IN THE LEADERSHIP RESHUFFLE ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 15. BIOGRAPHIES OF INCUMBENTS NOT REPLACED ARE NOT INCLUDED.

2. MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: ZENTARO KOSAKA, 64, INDEPENDENT. KOSAKA A VETERAN OF THIRTY YEARS AS A LOWER HOUSE DIETMAN, IS SERVING HIS SECOND TERM AS FONMIN. HE PREVIOUSLY HELD THE POST IN THE IKEDA CABINET FROM 1960 TO 1962. A MAN WHO HAS LONG EXERCISED A STRONG INFLUENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, KOSAKA IS AN ADVOCATE OF STRONG AND CLOSE JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE ALSO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE CHINA CONNECTION, VISITING PEKING IN 1972 AS LEADER OF THE FIRST LDP MISSION, AND HELPING TO

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ARRANGE PRIMIN TANAKA'S VISIT LATER THAN YEAR. KOSAKA

ALSO HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY, LABOR MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF THE LDP. ON SEPTEMBER 15, THE DAY OF HIS APPOINTMENT, HE FORMALLY WITHDREW FROM THE OHIRA FACTION; HE HAS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEEN THE LEADER OF HIS OWN INDEPENDENT "STUDY GROUP" OF ABOUT TWENTY LDP DIETMEN.

3. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY: BUICHI OISHI, 67, NAKASONE FACTION. A DOCTOR AND FORMER PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT TOHOKU UNIVERSITY, OISHI HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LOWER HOUSE SINCE 1948. HE SERVED AS THE FIRST DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY WHEN THAT CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT WAS CREATED IN 1971. HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) UNDER PRIME MINISTER IKEDA IN 1961-62. IN THE DIET, OISHI IS RECOGNIZED AS AN EXPERT ON AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS.

4. MINISTER OF LABOR: SACHIO URANO, 62, OHIRA FACTION. URANO, A MEMBER OF THE LOWER HOUSE SINCE 1960, WAS SERVING AS DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LDP AT THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO LABOR, HIS FIRST CABINET POSITION. AN EXPERT ON COMMERCE, URANO VISITED THE US IN 1970 AS HEAD OF AN LDP TEAM ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THE TEXTILE DISPUTE. WITHIN THE LDP, HE HAS LATELY SERVED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PRO-MIKI AND ANTI-MIKI FORCES.

5. MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION: HIROHIDE ISHIDA, 61, MIKI FACTION. ISHIDA, A FORMER JOURNALIST AND A MEMBER OF THE LOWER HOUSE SINCE 1947, IS ONE OF PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S CHIEF FACTIONAL LIEUTENANTS. HE PREVIOUSLY HAS SERVED AS LABOR MINISTER IN THE IKEDA AND SATO CABINETS, AND AS DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE LDP IN THE PREVIOUS MIKI CABINET. AN EXPERT ON LABOR, ISHIDA HAS LONG ADVOCATED LDP REFORM WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING CONTACTS WITH THE LABOR MOVEMENT. A LARGE MAN, HE FAVORS A STRAIGHTFORWARD, PRACTICAL APPROACH TO ISSUES.

6. MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE: TAKASHI HAYAKAWA, 60, FUKUDA FACTION. AN ELEVEN-TERM LOWER HOUSE DIETMAN

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WHO CAME TO POLITICS FROM AN EARLIER BUREAUCRATIC CAREER, HAYAKAWA HAS SERVED PREVIOUSLY AS LABOR MINISTER AND HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER. HAYAKAWA HAS A REPUTATION AS A THINKER AND POLICY EXPERT AND HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL BOOKS ON POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY. A MEMBER OF THE MIKI FACTION UNTIL 1972 WHEN HE JOINED THE FUKUDA FACTION, HE HAS UNDERSTANDABLY MAINTAINED A DISCREET DISTANCE FROM THE CURRENT INTER-FACTIONAL BATTLES.

7. MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION: TATSUI CHUMA, 60, FUKUDA FACTION. CHUMA HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE LOWER HOUSE NINE TIMES AND HAS EARNED A REPUTATION AS THE DIET EXPERT ON LAND DEVELOPMENT AND USAGE ISSUES. ALTHOUGH HE PREVIOUSLY HAS HELD SEVERAL IMPORTANT PARTY POSTS, THE PRESENT ASSIGNMENT IS HIS FIRST IN THE CABINET.

8. MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS: KIMIYOSHI AMANO, 55, OHIRA FACTION. A FORMER JOURNALIST, AMANO HAS BEEN ELECTED EIGHT TIMES TO THE LOWER HOUSE FROM HIS TOKYO CONSTITUENCY. HIS PRESENT ASSIGNMENT IS HIS FIRST CABINET POST. AMANO HAS A REPUTATION FOR RELISHING THE POLITICAL FRAY, AN ENTHUSIASM WHICH HAS EXTENDED TO FIGHTING ON THE DIET FLOOR.

9. MINISTER OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS: TOKUYASU FUKUDA, 69, MIZUTA FACTION. FUKUDA BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A DIPLOMAT AND MOVED INTO POLITICS AFTER SERVING AS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER YOSHIDA; HE HAS BEEN RETURNED TO THE LOWER HOUSE IN EVERY ELECTION SINCE 1949. FUKUDA'S PREVIOUS CABINET POSTS INCLUDE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, DEFENSE AGENCY CHIEF, AND HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY. A VIGOROUS MAN, HE MAINTAINS A HEAVY ATHLETIC REGIMEN.

10. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND OKINAWA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY CHIEF, SHOJI NISHIMURA, 65, TANAKA FACTION. A FORMER BUREAUCRAT FROM THE POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY, NISHIMURA HAS BEEN ELECTED TWICE TO THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE DIET. A DAPPER MAN, NISHIMURA ENJOYS A REPUTATION FOR CALM IN CRISES AND MANAGERIAL ABILITY. THIS IS HIS FIRST CABINET POSITION.

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11. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT AGENCY, SEIJURO ARAFUNE, 69, SHIINA FACTION. ARAFUNE, A MEMBER OF THE LOWER HOUSE SINCE 1952, RECENTLY RECEIVED ATTENTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LOWER HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE, DURING ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE LOCKHEED SCANDAL. A WELL-LIKED AND COLORFUL FIGURE, ARAFUNE'S FRANK COMMENTS OFTEN CAUSE HIM TROUBLE POLITICALLY. HE WAS FOR EXAMPLE, FORCED TO RESIGN AS TRANSPORT MINISTER AND LOWER HOUSE VICE PRESIDENT UNDER PRIME MINISTER SATO BECAUSE OF CONTROVERSIAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS.

12. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY, MASAO MAEDA, 63, TANAKA FACTION. A VETERAN PARLIAMENTARIAN WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED TEN TIMES TO THE LOWER HOUSE, MAEDA IS KNOWN TO HIS COLLEAGUE AS A SPECIALIST ON SCIENTIFIC ISSUES. THE SCIENCE AND

TECHNOLOGY POST IS HIS FIRST CABINET APPOINTMENT.

13. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, SHIGESADA MARUMO, 60, FUKUDA FACTION. A FORMER DENTIST AND THREE-TERM MEMBER OF THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE DIET, MARUMO IS THE LDP'S LEADING AUTHORITY ON MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION. HE HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN PARTY AFFAIRS AND HAS SERVED AS LDP DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL; HOWEVER, THE ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO IS HIS FIRST CABINET ASSIGNMENT.

14. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, NATIONAL LAND AGENCY; KOSEI AMANO, 69, NAKASONE FACTION. A SELF-MADE MAN WITH EXPERIENCE AS A LABORER AND LITTLE FORMAL EDUCATION, AMANO HAS SERVED IN THE LOWER HOUSE SINCE 1958. HE IS AN ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERT ON MATTER CONCERNING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. THE NATIONAL LAND AGENCY IS HIS FIRST CABINET-LEVEL PORTFOLIO.

15. LDP SECRETARY-GENERAL; TSUNEO UCHIDA, 69 OHIRA FACTION. A FORMER BUREAUCRAT IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY WHO HAS BEEN RETURNED EIGHT TIMES TO THE LOWER HOUSE, UCHIDA IS CONSIDERED THE LDP'S LEADING EXPERT ON TAXATION. PREVIOUSLY HE HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. WITH A REPUTATION DEBATING SKILL, HE IS AN EFFECTIVE PROPONENT OF LDP POLICY IN DIET DELIBERATIONS. HE HAS HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN PURELY PARTY POSITIONS.

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16. CHAIRMAN, LDP EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: RAIZO MATSUNO, 69, FUKUDA FACTION. A VETERAN OF ELEVEN TERMS IN THE LOWER HOUSE AND A FAMILIAR CABINET FIGURE, MATSUNO IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST TALENTED "YOUNGER" LEADERS IN THE PARTY. HE IS CREDITED WITH CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL ACUMEN, A MASTER OF FACTIONAL TACTICS AND INFIGHTING. HE PREVIOUSLY HAS HELD THE CABINET-LEVEL POSTS OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, HEAD OF THE DEFENSE AGENCY, LABOR MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY. A FIRM MIKI SUPPORTER THROUGHOUT THE RECENT LEADERSHIP STRUGGLE, HE WAS MIKI'S (FIRST) CHOICE AS LDP SEC GEN BUT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO OTHER PARTY ELEMENTS. HE IS EXPECTED TO DOMINATE LDP LEADERSHIP.

17. CHAIRMAN, LDP POLICY AFFAIRS RESEARCH COUNCIL: YOSHIO SAKURAUCHI, 64, NAKASONE FACTION. A NINE-TERM VETERAN OF THE LOWER HOUSE, HOLDER OF MANY CABINET POSTS AND DOYEN OF THE NAKASONE FACTION, SAKURAUCHI IS WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF COMMERCE, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE AND TAX AFFAIRS. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME HE HAS HELD HIS PRESENT POSITION, AND HE ALSO HAS SERVED AS MITI MINISTER ON TWO OCCASIONS. HIS OTHER CABINET EXPERIENCE IS AS MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY.

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